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## THANK YOU'S

When the list of those giving books, and doing other things for the society this month was written down it was so long that it would take most of the newsletter. This is the type of spirit that keeps organizations going. Thank you to all of you that have given. You know who you are and you are appreciated.

## PROGRAM

Today's program is by Damaris Reynolds. It is entitled "Rummaging through New England". If Damaris is up to her normal abilities you will thoroughly enjoy her presentation.



## NEW MEMBERS

We have two new members this month and two returning members. A lot of our current members are renewing their membership, but more should do it before the first of the year so the Membership Chair doesn't have so much to do after the first of the year.

New Members;

Nelda Kingsbury            2675 Pilkington Corvallis  
Nellie Stratton            My better half

Returning

Charles Sartwell and Marceille Engberg

## QUERIES

Mr. R. W. **COCKBURN**, 31 Ellen Street, Whitburn, West Lothian, EH47 OHJ Scotland, is working on a study of surname **COCKBURN** and variants worldwide. He would like to contact anyone working an ancestor line that includes that name, and is willing to assist them further from Scotland. He is an active member of the Scottish Genealogy Society.

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From Dan **FROEHLICH**, 634 SW 7th St, Corvallis 757-2316

Looking for death place and full date of death for Mrs. Frances H. **SHUMAN**. Stone in the Waverly Cemetery in Albany gives 1943. Born 1902. She was a descendant of the pioneer **BRENNER** family of Albany ( not listed in the Oregon Death Index ).

## OFFICER SLATE

The nominating committee of Jean Grube, Valerie Nichols, and Lee Rudisill have given us the following Officer nominees for the 1992 year.

President	Daniel Froehlich
First VP (programs)	Opal Katzky
Second VP (hostess)	Joy Read
Secretary	Janice Barclay
Treasurer	Darrell Kahl
Librarian	Wendy James

Thank you nominating committee and thank you to those willing to give of themselves for our benefit.

## ADVERTISEMENT

The fish it never cackles 'bout  
Its million eggs or so  
The hen is quite a different bird  
One egg and hear her crow.  
The fish we spurn, the hen we crown  
Which leads me to surmise  
Don't hide your light, but blow your horn  
It pays to advertise

I learned this poem when in high school a million years ago. I hope that the idea behind it works well with the **ADVERTISEMENT** we got from the Gazette Times during the last month.



## MONTHLY SHARING

Each month we have had a table to bring books or other artifacts to share with the other members, from the area we are specializing in. Following is the listing for the ten months that we have meetings. If your state is not listed, and you have books you would like to share, let one of the board members know so we can add to the list.

Jan	PA, OH
Feb	OR, WA, ID, MT
Mar	VA, WV
Apr	NC, KY, TN
May	IL, MI, WI
Jun	IN, IA
Sep	
Oct	NH, VT, MA, ME
Nov	CT, RI, DE
Dec	NY, NJ, MD, DC

## NAME LIST

On the bulletin board, America On Line, there is a genealogy section.

Last weekend, your editor downloaded a list of One Hundred Sixty One (161) names that are being researched.

Check with your Editor to see the list. If you have a tie in with any of the names on the list we will talk about what to do with the information.

## TOUR OF SALEM FAMILY HISTORY CENTER

On Friday the 15th of November a group, of up to 15 people, will visit the Family History Center Library East, at 862 45th St NE in Salem.

A Car pool from here will leave at about 9:00 a.m. to arrive there at 10:00 a.m.

Becky's friend, Mimi Stang, that volunteers there, will be available for assistance.

There are a lot of restaurants in the area or you can brown bag it.

Contact Becky or Dan for further information.

## GERMAN INTEREST GROUP

A German Interest Group meets the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. at

1645 Baker Creek Road  
McMinnville OR 97128  
(503) 472-1772

contact the group for more information.



## DECEMBER AUCTION AND RAFFLE

If you bring something for the auction at the December meeting and have spent a certain amount on the item, attach a card with the minimum bid that you feel should go for the item. Items should not go for less than the cost to make or purchase them. One thing that we seem to forget is that the auction is to put money in the book fund, and not to get cheap items for Christmas giving.

Again this year we will have some nice items for our RAFFLE. There will be at least three items. The tickets will go for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 as they did last year. This year if your name is drawn, and you are present, you may have your choice of items. If you are not there, you will get the one not chosen by a winner that is present.

## ODDS AND ENDS

There is a buff colored plastic box in the Library that contains micro-fiche. When you get a chance try it out. The reader is in the north room upstairs.

The Post Office requirements for addressing letters and cards in on the bulletin board in the Library.

The Computer Users Group of the Eugene Society meets on the third Sunday at 2:00 p.m. in the Utilities Building on "A" street in Springfield.

Remember our number at the OSU thriftshop is 492.

Don't forget to bring in your Flavor Pak and Santiam labels.

Since September you have been able to pay your 1992 dues.

## BOOK SALE

The Albany Genealogical Society will have an auction including books in excess to their library requirements. This will be at their regular meeting on December 7th. Daniel brought us a partial list containing Maryland, Pennsylvania and Virginia. He will check them over at the meeting, to see if there are any that we don't have. The partial list will be available at our meeting. Several of our members are also members of the Albany group. If you want to get any of the books and can't go, maybe someone else that is going will pick it up for you, if it is still available.

## EUGENE WORKSHOP

The Oregon Genealogical Society, our Eugene sister society, is joining the Everton Publishers, Inc. in presenting "Climbing your Family Tree Can be Fun"

This will be on Saturday the 16th of November at the United Methodist Church at 440 Maxwell Road in Eugene. The workshop runs from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. Cost of the workshop is \$25.00. Included in the price is a one year subscription to the Helper, discount coupons and a 15% discount on items bought at the workshop. Lunch is also included in the price. The president has a couple of registration forms, with all of the information.



**FAGAN: HISTORY OF BENTON COUNTY,  
OREGON BIOGRAPHIES 1885**

**NEWTON, A.** -- this old and respected pioneer of Benton county was born in Hampton county, Massachusetts, 8 August 1806, and lived in the eastern states until 1837, when he came west to the then Territory of Iowa, where he remained until 1848, when he continued his westward journey across the plains to Oregon, and came direct to Benton county and took up his donation claim where he now resides, where he has a large and valuable farm nicely located, and is surrounded in his declining days with all that goes to make up the complement of earthly comfort and enjoyment. Mr. **NEWTON** was married in Harding county, Kentucky, to Miss Rachael **GARLINGHOUSE**, and by this union they had 8 children, six of whom are living.

**NEWTON, G. G.** -- born in Licking county, Ohio, 7 November 1839, and came to Oregon with his parents in 1848. In 1850 they located where our subject now lives, where he and his father own 375 acres, four miles west of Corvallis. In 1884 he was elected County Commissioner. Married in Benton county 26 October 1862, Miss Susan **WOOD**, daughter of Rev. Jesse **WOOD**, who emigrated to Oregon from Iowa in 1852, and is now a respected resident of Philomath precinct.

**NICHOLS, Hon Henry B.** -- was born in Lyme, New London county, Connecticut, 31 January 1821, receiving his education at the Wesleyan University, at Middletown in that state. In 1845 he proceeded to the Sandwich Islands, but 6 months thereafter returned to his native place, where he engaged in school teaching and followed that occupation for upwards of 20 years. In June, 1847, Mr. **NICHOLS** started westward, and for 5 years had charge of a seminary in Muscatine county, Iowa. In 1852 he crossed the plains to Oregon, made his first location in Benton county, began teaching in the Belknap Settlement, was so occupied 9 years, and took up the 320 acre donation claim on which he now resides, but has increased his possessions from time to time until he now owns 1200 acres, situated four miles to the west of Monroe. Mr. **NICHOLS** was a member of the Constitutional Convention and a member of the last Territorial and three first sessions of the State Legislature; besides which he has been clerk to School District No. 26, for over 30 years. Mr. **NICHOLS** married in Iowa, but lost his wife in 1883. His family consists of 3 surviving children, viz: Alfred C., Richard J., and Carrie E.

**NOLAN, J. M.** -- although a very recent arrival in Benton county, however, it is but few of our many readers but what is acquainted or have transacted business with the subject of this sketch, as it is not in Mr. **NOLAN**'s composition to run a business and not let his "light shine," as he does through the medium of printer's ink, aided by his own business qualification. Mr. **NOLAN** is a native of the "Green Isle beyond the sea," and was born in 1847, and emigrated to the United States in 1873, arrived in Oregon in 1877, and came to Corvallis, Benton county in 1884, and opened his present large mercantile establishment, thereby adding one more to the list of enterprising men of Corvallis. Mr. **NOLAN** was married at Vancouver, W. T. in 1881, to Miss Mary J. **CALLAHAN**, by this union they have 2 children, Thomas J. & Mary K.

**OLSSON, John** -- is a native of Sweden, born in Guttenberg, 20 March 1838. At the age of 14 years he went to sea and for the following 15 years followed a sea faring life. Finally arriving in San Francisco, he came with Captain **WINANT** to Yaquina Bay, to work at the oyster business, in 1864. January 1866 he located 112 acres on the north side of the bay, where he now lives. In 1882 he had his estate divided, placing part as an addition to the city of Newport and the balance he gave the name and started the town of Fredricksburg, which is certainly on of the most desirable locations on the bay. Mr. **OLSSON** is married and has one son -- Lawrence O.

**OSBURN, John M.** -- this influential and wealthy resident of Benton county, and present Mayor of Corvallis, is a man whom nature fitted in her happy mood with a combination of qualities that could hardly fail to guide its possessor to success -- qualities which especially fit him to deal with men. With manners suave, a disposition to accommodate, and generous prompting toward his fellows, he greets the stranger, the customer, or the friend, in that peculiar way which carries with it an impression of a kind wish implied, which seldom fails to leave a desire with the recipient to do him a favor if he can. It is a happy faculty, and it gives the possessor what he deserves, a friendship and respect among men that is bounded only by the extent of his acquaintance. Such are the qualities of the gentleman of whom we write. Mr. **OSBURN** is a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania, and first saw the light of day 1 September 1828. He resided in his native state until 1852, when he started via Panama for the "Golden State", where he followed mining until March 1854, when he returned to his eastern home and embarked in the stock business. During the desperate battle of Gettysburg Mr. **OSBURN** had a large drove of cattle a few miles to the rear of the Union forces, and which represented almost his entire wealth; he being unable to get his stock out, was compelled to await the conclusion of that desperate conflict, as the safety of his entire band depended on the victory of the Union arms, for had General **LEE** won the day, all his stock would have been captured. In March, 1864, Mr. **OSBURN** with his family, started via Panama for Oregon, arriving in Corvallis the following April, where he leased what is known as the Johnson **MULKEY** donation claim and engaged in the stock business. One year later Mr. **OSBURN** purchased the farm consisting of 1004 acres, located three miles west of Corvallis, where he is extensively engaged in the stock business, in which he is ably seconded by his sons James L. and David A. Mr. **OSBURN** has a pleasant home in Corvallis, where he resides, a view of which together with the view of his farm, appears in this work. He was united in marriage in Crawford county, Pennsylvania, 18 April 1850, to Miss Phoebe **JONES**, by which union they have 4 children, viz: Floras C., James L., David A., and Mary L., now Mrs. Jessie **HOUCK**.